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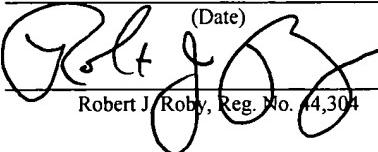
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Filed : December 10, 2001  
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FOR DEEP-FRYING A CHIP  
FOOD PRODUCT  
Examiner : Robert A. Madsen  
Group Art Unit : 1761

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**MAILED ON DECEMBER 19, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 19, 2003, Applicant hereby elects with traverse to pursue Claim 1, drawn to an apparatus for frying comprising a lid with an array of alternating long and short U-shaped wires, classified in class 99, subclass 426.

Applicant notes that the Examiner in the parent application indicated that claims identical to Claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 of the present application were the subject on a single grouping (i.e., Group III - a deep frying apparatus with a chip fry lid having prongs extending downward and the method of using the lid). In addition, Claim 3, which was not pending in the parent application, recites subject matter that also would have fallen within this grouping. Furthermore, each of these claims also is classified in Class 99, subclass 426 according to the Restriction Requirement. Applicant submits that searching and examining Claims 2-4 and 7 together with elected Claim 1 will not amount to a serious burden upon the Examiner and does not appear warrant separate

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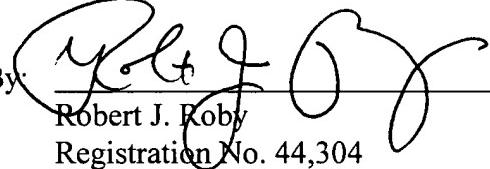
prosecution. Reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement and revised grouping of the claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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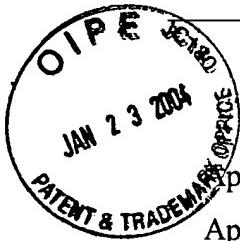
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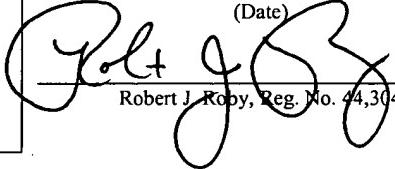
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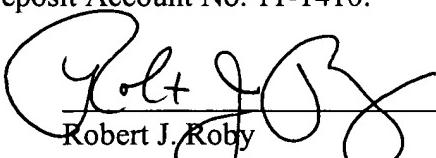
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